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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read the following

Proceedings of the Madras
Government, Public
Works Department

G.O. No. 1779 W of 25th June 1883

Referring to para 1st
of the above proceedings,
an appropriation of Rs 10,000
is made from the Provin-
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1883) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 25th.

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G.O., 25th June 1883, No. 1779 W.

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Ameer Mahal, Madras

Estimate for alterations and improvements
to the —, sanctioned.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ--the following letter from C. VINCENT, Esq., Officiating Consulting Architect to Government, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads Branch, dated Chepauk, 12th June 1883, No. 283 :—

With reference to your memorandum, No. 497 C., dated 28th February last, I

- 1 Detailed Estimate.
- 1 Duplicate Abstract.
- 1 Comparative Statement.
- 1 Tracing.

have the honor to submit, herewith, a revised plan and estimate for the alterations and additions to the Ameer Mahal Zenana. The total of the revised estimate amounts to Rs. 72,115 against the original

total of Rs. 73,358, or a net decrease of Rs. 1,243. A comparative statement is attached showing how this decrease has been arrived at.

2. It is to be observed, however, that the original estimate was reduced in your memorandum above quoted by Rs. 10,000, or to Rs. 63,358, and that the present estimate exceeds this amount by Rs. 8,757.

3. This increase is accounted for by the fact that it has not been found possible to effect the whole of the lump sum reductions, aggregating Rs. 10,000, with which the project was previously approved. The following were the items reduced, with some remarks on each :—

Items.	Probable Savings.	Remarks.
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(a) Reduction in thickness of walls by one-sixth.	3,500	The walls provided are, as a rule, only 15 inches thick, and though some reductions have been carried out, it has not been possible to reduce them throughout.
(b) Substitution of rolled joists for teak-wood in floors and ceilings.	3,000	It was supposed that the rolled joists would cost only Rs. 140 per ton, whereas they have cost Rs. 170.
(c) Omission of upper part of large hall.	3,000	The saving is not so large as was supposed.
(d) Contingencies	500	
Total ...	10,000	

4. Various alterations have been made in the plan now submitted in deference to the wishes of the Prince of Arcot, supported by the Government Agent. The only ones that call for remark are—

- (a) Omission of the verandah all round the out-houses.
- (b) Leaving 10 feet instead of 5 between the old and new Zenana.
- (c) Reversing the position of the Durbar Hall so as to make it open on to the verandah.
- (d) The removal of the kitchens from in front of the Durbar Hall to the south side.

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- (e) Providing for a screen wall in front of the Harris' School.
- (f) Providing two new sets of quarters for the Prince's relations on the north side.
- (g) Building the carriage porch outside the Zenana limits instead of inside.

Roughly speaking, the whole of the cost of the additions to the original plan has been met by the saving effected by leaving out the verandah (a).

5. The works are in active progress, and I request therefore that early sanction may be accorded to the estimate.

ORDER—dated 25th June 1883, No. 1779 W., Public Works.

The plan and estimate, amounting to Rs. 72,115, for alterations and improvements to the Ameer Mahal, are sanctioned.

2. There are no funds at the disposal of Government from which an allotment can be made for the work, but later in the year endeavours will be made to grant an appropriation of Rs. 10,000, which will be augmented if funds are forthcoming.

3. Superintending Engineers will, as early as practicable, resign all sums they cannot spend, to permit of appropriations being made, for this and other incomplete works of 1882-83.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 59 W. of 1883-84 and classified as Civil Buildings, Original Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.

To the Consulting Architect to Government, with three Enclosures.

„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with duplicate Abstract Estimate.

„ Political Department.

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